

Amendments to the Specification

IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application is related to the following copending applications: (1) Serial No. 10/761 178 filed ~~concurrently herewith~~January 20, 2004, and titled "AUTOMATIC STOP/START CONTROLLER FOR ENGINE"—(Atty. Ref.: ~~Saigoh C-305~~); (2) Serial No. 10/761 179 filed ~~concurrently herewith~~January 20, 2004, and titled "AUTOMATIC STOP/START CONTROLLER FOR ENGINE"—(Atty. Ref.: ~~Saigoh C-306~~); and (3) Serial No. 10/761 176 filed ~~concurrently herewith~~January 20, 2004, and titled "AUTOMATIC STOP/START CONTROLLER FOR ENGINE"—(Atty. Ref.: ~~Saigoh C-307~~), the entire disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference.